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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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SUBJ: RWANDA TO OBTAIN PETROLEUM FROM TANZANIA

REF: (A) NAIROBI 7730 (NOTAL)

(B) DAR ES SALAAM A41

1. RWANDESE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY, DENIS NTIRUGIRIMBABAZI, VISITING DAR ES SALAAM, ANNOUNCED JULY 28 THAT TANZANIA HAD AGREED TO SELL RWANDA 2,000,000 LITERS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, VALUED AT SHILLINGS 4,601,180 (\$548,000) PER MONTH. PETROLEUM WILL BE SENT BY TRAINING TO MWANZA ON LAKE VICTORIA, AND TRANSPORTED FROM THERE TO KIGALI, RWANDA BY ROAD. AT THE SAME TIME, S. BARONGO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF TANZANIA PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TOLD PRESS THAT "ALMOST EVERYTHING HAS BEEN PREPARED, AND RWANDA CAN GET PETROLEUM AT ANY TIME." HE CALLED ON PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND COMPANIES WITH TANKER TRUCKS TO REGISTER AT THE RWANDESE EMBASSY IN DAR ES SALAAM, IN ORDER MAKE AGREEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTING PETROLEUM FROM MWANZA TO KIGALI.

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2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, RWANDA CONSUMES 4 MILLION LITERS OF PETROLEUM PER MONTH.

3. COMMENT: WHILE AGREEMENT MAY RELIEVE RWANDESE PETROLEUM SHORTAGE CAUSED BY KENYA-UGANDA DISPUTE, COST OF TRANSPORTATION BY THIS ROUTE WILL BE VERY HIGH. ROAD FROM MWANZA TO KIGALI IS STILL VERY POOR, ON TANZANIAN SIDE AT LEAST, DESPITE PROJECT NOW UNDER WAY TO IMPROVE IT (SEE REF, B). RAILWAY AND ROAD HAULAGE FACILITIES ARE ALSO LIKELY TO BE STRAINED BY THIS NEW DEMAND.
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